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I, WILLIAM BARCLAY PEAT, a member of the firm of Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 3, Frederick's-place, London, E.C., and 1, Royal Exchange, Manchester, hereby make oath and say that I have examined the accounts kept by the Printer and Publishing Department of the *North-Eastern Daily Gazette*, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, and find that the net number of Papers printed during the three months from 1st October to 31st December, 1890, was

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W. B. PEAT,

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Sworn at Bethlehem, in the City of London, this 31st day of January, 1891, before me,

THOS. B. CARTWRIGHT,

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THOS. KELLOCK, Secretary.

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THE MINERAL WEALTH OF INDIA.

We claim to hold and govern India for the good of her people, as well as for our own advantage, and thus justify our dominion there. We give peace to the teeming millions of the population of the Peninsula—security at once against internal wars and foreign invasion. While maintaining our supreme authority we strive to identify our rule with even-handed justice, to give no occasion for disaffection or enmity by wrong-doing, and to reconcile the numerous Princes and Potentates and nationalities to our rule by the constant exhibition of the advantages it confers. If as yet we are somewhat guarded in our concession of political privileges and rights, we are nevertheless anxious to be scrupulously faithful to all our political engagements and promises, and in many respects we show that if British government is a despotism, it is benevolent in its design, and intelligent in its action. Not only do we protect and feed the people when they are in distress, but we seek to shield them from thorecurrence of famine by the execution of costly irrigation works, and by the building of railways, not merely for military strategical purposes, but for facilitating the development of the natural resources of the country. A commercial people ourselves, we look with a kindly eye on the promotion of native industries; and while seeking to introduce whatever is beneficial and applicable of our European civilisation, we at the same time desire to give native art and industry the benefit of the scientific principles and methods whose discovery and adoption have revolutionised all the conditions of competitive manufacture.

And just as our development of political institutions in India is still far from being complete, so our beneficent opportunities, as the patrons of native art and industry, are still far from being exhausted. In his "India in 1880," Sir Richard Temple points to the Indian Museum, in the Art Department at South Kensington, as furnishing abundant evidence of the practical skill and elegant taste of Indian artificers; and he further remarks, "The presents offered to the Prince of Wales, during his visit to India, by the natives, in order to illustrate the arts and industries of their territories, probably rivalled in taste, beauty, and variety any offerings ever laid at the feet of a Mogol Emperor." While such-like proofs attest the presence of the faculty among the handicraftsmen of the India of to-day for the production of industrial works of art of the highest form of beauty which commanded the admiration of the world in bygone ages, intelligent observers and sanguine friends of the natives believe, notwithstanding various discouragements and disappointments which have been experienced, that the capacity for modern industrial occupation under the conditions imposed by modern science and trade necessities likewise exists. "At present," writes a clever and intelligent native, Shoshee Chunder Dutt, "the national manufactures are all in their decline, the necessary consequence of English competition and refinement. But if strenuous endeavours be made they can yet be revived and set up on an improved model; and, the machinery of England introduced, the cheapness of Indian labour will always leave a great share of advantage with the children of the soil. India is already one of the greatest agricultural countries in the world. There is no reason why she should not also be one of the greatest manufacturing agencies in it." Certainly "strenuous endeavour" on the part of the British rulers will not be awanting to secure this great reform alike for the increase of the wealth and comfort of the Indian population and the enrichment of Great Britain, not merely by the development of the resources of her great Eastern possession, but also by the enormous extension of her trade.

The question is—Do the means of such development exist? A book* has just been published by Captain Townsend, an artillery officer at Bombay, who holds a certificate under the Boiler Act, and who has served six years in Indian military factories, which calls the attention of English investors and trade pioneers to what he describes as the enormous mineral wealth of India "lying neglected at our feet." Hindostan covers an immense stretch of the area of the globe, and that mineral wealth should be found within her borders need excite no surprise. From a very remote date writers have testified to the presence in the country of most of the metals and minerals in greater or less abundance at different places; and for many ages iron has been worked and utilised. But hitherto practical difficulties, the chief of which, perhaps, has been the absence of fuel of sufficient heating power, have prevented any attempt on a great scale to establish iron industries in India. Captain Townsend, who writes in a highly optimist spirit regarding the richness of the iron mineral fields, laughs at these practical difficulties which have hitherto scared away the English pioneers of trade and the host of money-makers behind them who are always ready to invest when they think there is reasonable ground for expecting profit. The captain admits that former attempts to establish ironworks have failed, but he confidently assigns the cause to insufficient capital and neglect of the proper scientific methods. He assures his readers that "it is not in one or two places only that iron is to be found in remunerative quantities, but in a score," and he enticingly adds, "the first who wake up to the fact that a great fortune is waiting for anyone who will attack the ironstone in a scientific manner will not only reap large profits for themselves, but find employment for thousands of their poorer brethren." It will thus be seen that the gallant officer hopes to combine commercial enterprise and a far-reaching philanthropy with national duty and obligation to India. He considers that the "actual extraction of metal from local ores" and "the working up of the pig iron into its various forms of malleable metal" to be the great needs of industrial India, "if she is to take a leading place among the manufacturing nations of the world." Assuredly the aims of the writer are most commendable. But we are bound to confess that the cheery optimism he feels himself and seeks to encourage in others is not justified by any facts and figures he places before his readers. His book is more pleasant than convincing. We fear it is too viewy and visionary to encourage British capitalists forthwith to rush to India to make their fortunes, and at the same time to bless the nation, by establishing great ironworks. Still we hope that the reward for his labour with which the writer declares he will be content will not be denied him. We trust that his work will induce more than "a single capitalist or a single high official to look seriously into the question of the possible development of the iron ores of India; and if these be found to be "extraordinarily rich," and capable of profitable utilisation, Captain Townsend may feel assured that the capital required for the industrial developments he desiderates will not long be withheld. In 1881 the British-born population of India was only 89,798, and the male section of this population was thus classified:—Army, 55,308; civil service, 2,998; sailors, 2,443; railway staffs, 2,319; commerce, 836; navy, 805; civil engineers, 461; agriculturists, 541; coffee planters, 230; missionaries, 178; surgeons and physicians, 321. It is impossible not to be struck with the limited amount of occupation provided in our vast Eastern Dependency for the British mercantile, commercial, and industrial classes. If India were made a great manufacturing as well as an agricultural country the British-born population, finding profitable occupation within her territories, would quickly multiply manifold. New spheres would be opened for the employment of our enterprising sons; and the national obligation on which Captain Townsend insists would be discharged without the slightest hesitation.

*The Mineral Wealth of India. By Captain C. C. Townsend, R.A., Indian Ordnance Department, Bombay: *Times of India* Press.

THE debate on the Religious Disabilities Bill, of which the second reading has been moved to-day in the House of Commons, will be followed with more than ordinary interest. It is understood that the Government, at the bidding of the Church party, will oppose the measure; but it is believed a number, if not a majority, of the Liberal Unionists will on this occasion follow Mr Gladstone into the lobby, and the division is expected to be close. We hope to be able to announce the result in our latest edition.

BURY is now fairly ready for the fight, let it come when it may. On Monday evening a meeting of Liberal electors unanimously approved the action of the Liberal Council in adopting Mr A. F. Bentley as the candidate. From this point forward there must be incessant watchfulness and constant enthusiastic work. The Liberals must work to win, and to win with a sweeping majority. In Rossendale, too, the Liberals are getting prepared for action. The contests in these two constituencies will rank amongst the most important in the kingdom at the next general election.

THE Western hemisphere is having its turn of the intensely wintry weather which for so many weeks prevailed in Europe. From Omaha it is reported that one of the severest snowstorms on record has been experienced in Northern Nebraska and South Dakota. The thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero at Lead City, and 30 degrees below zero at Galena. The wild animals are leaving their fastnesses among the hills and forests, and are seeking human victims. Eighteen Indians who had encamped by the side of Lake Winnipeg have been devoured by wolves.

WE are glad to hear that there is at last some prospect of a settlement of the protracted blast-furnacemen's strike. The men, at all events, as we earnestly advised them last week, have taken a step in the direction of reconciliation. They have appointed delegates to meet the owners for the purpose of considering whether some compromise can not be adopted, fair and honourable to both parties, on which a mutually advantageous settlement may be made. We do not doubt that the owners will welcome this deputation, and we hope they will show the true wisdom of generosity. If they do so the disastrous strike will forthwith be brought to an end, and the foundation of an enduring peace will be laid.

MR MARJORIBANKS, the second Liberal Whip, failed last night to induce the House of Commons to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the merits of the Magazine rifle and all the circumstances attending its adoption. But while he was beaten in the division lobby, he said a great deal fitted to weaken confidence in the new and costly rifle as a practical weapon of war. Nevertheless, the House showed itself unwilling to withdraw responsibility from the War Office, and as the War Minister, Mr Stanhope, accepted full responsibility for himself and his colleagues, and declared his belief that the weapon was a good one, Mr Marjoribanks's demand for a Royal Commission was set aside by a majority of 34 votes. If in practical use the new Magazine rifle should prove unsatisfactory, or in any way unreliable or inefficient, a heavy responsibility will devolve on Mr Stanhope and the experts of the War Office.

AT the annual meeting yesterday of the subscribers of the Hartlepools Hospital it was announced that the workmen of the two towns had subscribed towards the funds of the institution during the past year no less a sum than £729, nearly half the entire income of the Hospital. The fact is an exceedingly gratifying one, and reflects the highest credit on the industrial population of the Hartlepools. Alderman Cameron thinks this generous support shows that the working men had perfect confidence in the management of the institution, his remarks referring evidently to a criticism which had been passed on the constitution of the honorary surgical staff, which, it was alleged, savoured somewhat of exclusiveness. Alderman Cameron may not be far wrong in his conjecture. But there are grounds for believing that the working classes, in their liberal aid of the Hospital, are chiefly actuated by a brotherly-like desire to help their fellow-labourers in the hour of need.

LORD HARTINGTON was entertained last night to a consolation banquet by his fellow Liberal Unionists; and he delivered a speech which showed the steady growth of the "superior person" in him. Practically the attitude he has adopted towards the Irish people is that they are unfit for political liberty. In other words, as regards the Irish question, he is an out-and-out Tory of the stamp of the opponents of first, second, and third reform Acts carried during this century by which the bounds of freedom and the area of citizenship have been widened; and if Mr Chamberlain had been opposed to the noble lord he would never have tired of repeating his description of him as a political Rip Van Winkle. In concluding his speech last night the Marquis let both sections of the Irish Nationalists—the Parliamentary party under Mr Justin McCarthy, and the Irreconcilables under Mr Parnell—understand that he does not love either of them. "A plague o' both your houses," he cries, and advises his irreconcilable anti-Irish followers not to relax their precautions. "They might perhaps," he said, "be excused if they indulged a hope that those personal illustrations of the character of men with whom they had to deal, and of the Government which in Ireland they were likely to form, might make some deeper impression upon the minds of the English electorate than all their arguments and speeches had hitherto been able to make, and that the time might at last be approaching when English parties would ask themselves whether members of either of those two contending Irish factions were the men to whom it was safe to entrust the arduous responsible duties of the government of Ireland."

TERRIBLE MURDER IN A SCHOOL.

A TEACHER DRAGGED TO DEATH.

A horrible occurrence is reported from Winnebago City, Minnesota. A Miss Dent, a school teacher, had occasion to punish a pupil named Cruzen, whose sister thereupon ran home and told her parents of what had occurred. The parents hastened to the school, and the father, striking the teacher with a book, knocked her down, and dragged her round the room until her scalp was partially torn off. The parents then lifted up the prostrate form of the teacher and threw her out of a window. Her head struck violently against the stone pavement, and in a short time the unfortunate woman expired. The panic-stricken children, who had witnessed the tragedy, hurried to their homes and told the story. Cruzen and his wife were forthwith arrested, and now are in prison awaiting a judicial investigation.

SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITIES

NEAR AUCKLAND.

THREE MEN KILLED.

John Moore and John Stones, two young miners, have come to a dreadful death at Spring Gardens, West Auckland. On Monday night the two men, who belong to Evenwood, left a public-house at Spring Gardens about nine o'clock, and at eleven o'clock they were found in a terribly-injured condition lying on the railway which runs close past that hamlet. They were carried into the Blacksmiths' Arms, close to the spot where they were found, and Dr. Moir was sent for, but Moore was found to be killed outright, and Stones only lived about an hour. It is supposed that they had got on to the railway to walk home, and had been caught by a passing train and knocked down.

Another fatality has occurred on the North-Eastern Railway, near to Bishop Auckland, and the latest information to hand shows that the last case is even more sad and accompanied with more horrifying details than that which occurred at Spring Gardens the night previous. Last night Thomas Watson, miner, fifty years of age, living at Hunwick Lane Ends, was knocked down by a late mineral train running between Bishop Auckland and Hunwick. Judging from the mutilated body he appeared to have been dragged a considerable distance. He was dead when found.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE SCOTCH EXPRESS.

Yesterday the 2.30 express from Edinburgh to Newcastle had a very narrow escape from being wrecked on the North-road, some distance above Walkerburn, Peeblesshire. It appears some workmen were repairing a rail and had occasion to take it out of its fixings. A red board had been stuck up in front of where the men were working, as a warning to the engine drivers. The express, however, came so swiftly along that the engine driver had not time to put on the

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THE SHOOTING OF A SHEFFIELD SCHOOLMISTRESS.

The condition of Miss Edge, the young schoolmistress who was shot by her lover at Sheffield on Sunday night, underwent a slight improvement yesterday. The bullet, which lies beneath the right lung, has, however, not been extracted. An attempt was made to do so, but without success. In spite of the slight improvement in her recovery seems almost impossible. Hall, the man who shot her, maintains an appearance of indifferent demeanour.

THE BLAST-FURNACEMEN'S STRIKE IN SCOTLAND.

EXPECTED SETTLEMENT.

The Scotch ironmasters are reported to have met the extreme step of serving notices upon the men who have been on strike for the past nineteen weeks to deliver possession of their houses in a month. In consequence of this action the men at the works have been instructed by their executive to appoint deputations to wait upon the masters, and it is expected that some terms will speedily be arrived at. It must be remembered that the men at all the works in Scotland gave in their notice in September to obtain a time and a-half for their work, and other privileges to place them on the same footing as the ironmakers in the district and in her ironmaking districts of England. The masters replied by blowing out or closing down the whole of the furnaces before the expiration of the notices, and the men have been supported by the funds of the National Association of Blast-furnacemen, the strike pay amounting to over £700 per week.

A COWARDLY RUSSIAN PRINCE.

COULD COMMIT MURDER BUT NOT SUICIDE.

A curious light (says a Warsaw correspondent) is thrown on Russian regimental discipline by the case of Prince Bartenieff. This young officer was ordered to have shot a girl, but all further details are carefully suppressed. Yet the story is worth relating. In a moment of jealousy he lured her to his house, and there murdered her. He then went to the Colonel of his regiment, one of the personal friends of the Imperial family, and, declaring that he had done, on laying the revolver on the table. His Colonel listened quietly, and when he had finished remarked, "I suppose you do not need advice from me," and left the room. In a quarter of an hour he returned, and found the officer gone. He asked him if it were true that he had not understood. Bartenieff said that he had not the courage. His Colonel then recalled him in the grossest terms, and bade him to leave his presence. The murderer went to the Prefect of Warsaw, where scene was repeated, except that the Colonel was at the pains to procure a pistol and leave it on the table. The latter then cut off his epaulets and took him in a cab. He will probably be condemned to death and so probably will never go there; but he will no be able to show his face in society again.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.—The Right Hon. James Lowther rose to move that he should, on the first available day, move in favour of immediate steps to promote the establishment of preferential trade arrangements between the United Kingdom and the colonies. (Ironical Opposition cheers.)—Mr Matthews replying to Mr Howard Vincent, said he hardly expected there would be an opportunity of introducing this session the Bills dealing with reformatory and industrial schools, but if there was he thought they would contain provision for retaining control over the children after their discharge.—The Right Hon. James Lowther also directed attention to the fiscal arrangements.—Baron De Worms replied that the question had been under the careful consideration of the Government, he said, at present unable to give any more definite reply.—Mr Lowther: Is the noble gentleman aware of the urgency of the question?—Baron De Worms: Yes, I am aware of it and that was the reason why I said it had been carefully considered. (Hear, hear.—Mr Macdonald then called attention to the Lee-Metford rifle, and moved for the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into its merit and the circumstances attending its adoption. The hon. gentleman entered into a detailed statement as to the features of the new rifle, speaking of the bullet and barrel and the mechanism of the body, the bolt or breech mechanism of the magazine, and condemned the arm as insufficient though exceedingly expensive weapon. If jammed it would not open and it could not fire, and yet it cost £5 5s. The French rifle only cost £1 11s 8d. He urged that there should be a thorough and official enquiry.—Mr Stanhope replied as an amendment that it was undesirable, by the appointment of such a Committee as one asked for, to weaken the full responsibility of the officials specially charged with the duty of selecting the new rifle.—Mr Stanhope, in opposing the amendment, said he fully accepted the responsibility of choosing and adopting the present rifle. He replied in detail to the criticisms that were made as to the efficiency of the rifle, and said the man who shot her, maintains an appearance of indifferent demeanour.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER ON A RAILWAY.

A Central News telegram from Paris to-day says —A mysterious murder is reported to have been committed on the Spanish Frontier Railway. No particulars are known.

THE SILKSWORTH DEPUTATION.

NEW SUGGESTIONS.

The deputation of Silksworth miners met Lord Londonderry at the Imperial Hotel, Belfast, on Monday. Mr Corbett, his lordship's head agent, was present, as also Mr W. H. Patterson, secretary to the Durham Miners' Association. The points in dispute were thoroughly discussed, and certain propositions were suggested. These suggestions will now be submitted to a full meeting of the strike hands at Silksworth, and on the men and their acceptance or refusal depends the future plan of the Silksworth strike. The proceedings were private. The deputation returned yesterday.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE SHIPPING TRADE.

At a meeting of representatives of the Sailors' and Firemen's, Stevedores', and Coal Porters' Unions, held at Wade's Arms, London, yesterday, it was resolved "That the action of the workmen who refuse to work with non-unionists, and who are standing out to assist the seamen and firemen in their struggle against the insidious attempt on the part of the Shipping Federation to crush their unions, be approved." The struggle between the Shipping Federation and the allied unions began at Cardiff yesterday afternoon, when the tippers abandoned work. The Federation officials state that they have 3,000 men in readiness to work the tips at a few hours' notice.

THE WEAVERS' STRIKE AT BRADFORD.

EFFECT OF THE McKINLEY TARIFF.

At the meeting of Messrs Lister and Co., Limited, at Bradford, yesterday, Mr S. C. Lister said one cause of expense had been the starting of a direct business house in New York in consequence of the effect of the McKinley Tariff. He then referred to the strike of the velvet hands, and said they would have to return to work humiliated, after great suffering. Their American trade had meant a turnover of £350,000 a year, but the firm could stand such a frightful curtailment of business without economising. The directors offered to pay 15 per cent. more than the highest wages paid to weavers by anybody in the town, although they had to face foreign competition, and turn back to the velvet trade. In the discussion that followed arbitration was suggested as a means of settling the strike; but Mr Lister said they could not continue to pay 45 per cent. more in wages than any other firm had been paying, especially in view of the effect of the McKinley tariff on their business.

LORD HARTINGTON ON POLITICAL MORALITY.

Lord Hartington was last night entertained at dinner by the members of the Liberal Unionist Club in London. In responding to the toast of his health, he said there must be some strange fascination in political success which could make men, in all other relations of life as honourable, so utterly indifferent as some of their opponents appeared to be to the moral character of associates with whom they had entered into so close a political alliance. Unionists had been able to place their whole case without reservation of any kind. No one could believe it was possible without the concurrence of an Irish Parliament to make a final settlement of the Irish land question. For a long time to come there would remain in Ireland landlords and tenants, and if Mr Gladstone or Mr Morley meant that an Irish Parliament was to have power to deal with them, that was a proposition to which the people of this country would never consent. The attitude they had taken in this dispute might be summed up in the phrase, "When rogues fall out honest men come to their own again."

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

PROBABLE COMPLETION IN 1892.

The half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Manchester Ship Canal Company was held yesterday.—Lord Egerton, the chairman of the Company, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke in hopeful terms of the present and future position of the undertaking. Various difficulties had arisen between the directors and the contractors, but all had been satisfactorily adjusted, and henceforth the Company would execute the works on its own account, the executive of the late Mr Walker acting as agents to the Company. Further capital enabling the Company to complete the canal would be required to the extent of £1,700,000, and the Chairman added that he had appealed to the Corporation of Manchester for assistance.—The resolution approving of the report was seconded by Sir Joseph C. Lee, deputy-chairman, and passed unanimously, by an exceptionally large gathering of shareholders, without discussion or question of any kind. Mr Alderman W. H. Bailey, Mr H. Boddington, Mr Jacob Bright, M.P., and Mr J. K. Bythell were re-appointed directors of the company. The course of the proceedings an independent report by Mr Abernethy, the eminent engineer, was read on the condition of the canal works. That report was of a highly favourable character. It expressed the opinion that there was no obstacle in the way of the canal being completed by the middle of the summer of 1892, and within the amount which it is now sought to raise.

STOCKTON TOWN COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting was held yesterday, the Mayor (Councillor R. H. Appleton) presiding.—The Free Library Committee reported that 4,938 volumes had been issued during December, as against 5,516 in the corresponding month of 1889. A letter from Sunderland asking the Council to cooperate with the Sunderland Council in approaching the directors of the North-Eastern Railway Company with reference to certain suggested alterations of through train services was referred to. The Council, whilst approving the suggestions, declined to join the deputation.—The Local Government Board have assented to the borrowing of £7,500 for the baths reconstruction scheme.

THE GAS-MAKING PLANT.

The Gas Committee reported that they had accepted the tender of Messrs Whin and Co. for the erection of exhausting machinery.—Alderman Richardson, J.P., the chairman of the committee, reported a very large increase of gas during Jan uary, amounting to 2,079,000 cubic feet in excess of the corresponding month of last year. Touching upon the proposed increase of gas-making plant, he said that after the accident at Middlesbrough, the months ago the committee had given consideration to what would be the position in case of a similar accident happening at their work's. They found that their gasometer capacity was unequal to storage of any excess over the usual consumption. The electric light, instead of decreasing the demand for gas, had very much increased it. He thought the Council need not be aston shed if they came before them at an early date with large proposals for extension of the works.

THE NEW PARK.

The Park Committee reported that in accordance with their instructions the Borough Engineer had prepared a design for laying out of the new park and estimated the cost at £10,000.—Alderman Hind, the chairman of the committee, explained the ideas of the committee in the laying out.—Councillor Langley objected to the cost of laying out, and moved that the plan be referred back to the committee.—Some discussion ensued on this point, some of the members pleading that £8,000 would be sufficient.—Councillor Appleton moved that the minutes be approved with the exception of that referring to the plan, and that this portion be referred back to the committee with a view to reducing the cost.—Councillor Harbison seconded.—Alderman Hind, in reply, pointed out that the Borough Engineer had previous experience in laying out parks in Salford. The estimated cost was only £250 per acre. Don't let them be scrubby about it—they got it given, with the only condition that they should lay it out properly.—Three members voted for the amendment, which was rejected.

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THE RELIGIOUS DISABILITIES RELIEF BILL.

To-day was an unusual Wednesday in Parliamentary annals. Generally there is a bare handful of members present at the meeting of the House of Commons, and it is not usually until half-past twelve, or even later, that the Speaker is enabled to take the chair. To-day, however, all was animation, even before twelve, and a House was formed as soon as the Speaker took the chair. Mr Gladstone was early in his place, ready to move the second reading of the Religious Disabilities Removal Bill, which was the cause of all the animation. The Treasury Bench was also well filled, as also were the back benches on both sides. An interesting proceeding marked the opening of the sitting. There appeared at the bar of the House the Sheriffs of London in all the glories of their official robes to present a petition in favour of a Metropolitan Water Bill, and then came a series of petitions from the Ministerial benches against Mr Gladstone's measure. As each petition was presented by Mr Johnstone, Mr Hincks, and others, an hilarious cheer went up from the Radical and Nationalist benches. When Colonel Sandys came to declare that he had to present a petition from the members of the Protestant Alliance, signed by 3,666 persons, against the Religious Disabilities Removal Bill, a storm of ironical cheers and laughter greeted his announcement, which was renewed as he moved that the petition be placed by the Clerk at the table. A minor point of order raised by Mr Hanbury Stewart was overruled, and the usual proceedings upon the presentation of a petition was speedily gone through.

WRIT FOR NORTHAMPTON.

But there was still another incident before the event of the afternoon. Mr Arnold Morley rose from the front Opposition bench and moved for a new writ for Northampton for the election of a member in the place of Mr Bradlaugh, deceased.

MR GLADSTONE'S SPEECH.

Then came the order of the day, "Religious Disabilities Removal Bill—Second Reading," and at once the Speaker called upon Mr Gladstone. A loud Opposition cheer marked his rising. "When," said the right hon. gentleman, "it fell to my lot to undertake charge of this Bill to remove this anomaly, injustice, and discredit. (Opposition cheers.) I was in hopes that a few minutes would suffice to introduce the Bill to the House, but continued mutterings have arisen in various quarters, and the House has just been presented petitions which filled the arms and taxed the muscular strength of the gallant member (Colonel Sandys). Furthermore, there have been rumours as to the intentions of Her Majesty's Government, which might be true or untrue. All he did know was that in 1868 Mr Goschen took part with him (Mr Gladstone) in pleading for the performing of the disabilities of those offices, and the one to which the greatest objection was taken, and he did not make the smallest doubt that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would pursue a similar course now. (Opposition cheers and laughter.) The Chancellor of the Exchequer had on his left hand a right hon. gentleman (Mr Chaplin) who was always regarded as the prop and pillar of everything that

DESERVES TO BE OVERTHROWN AND REMOVED.

(Opposition cheers and laughter.) Such obstacles he could only hope to overcome in the same spirit that initiated it to the subject. Passing to the main part of his subject, Mr Gladstone first expressed serious doubt whether Roman Catholics were at present disabled from holding the offices of Lord Chancellor and Lord Lieutenant. But whether they might be, the object of this Bill was to remove all possibility of doubt. (Opposition cheers.) The course he would propose was that this Bill having been read a second time, should *pro forma* be passed through Committee, and after the report stage be submitted for substantial Committee examination. [Proceeding.]

ALLEGED ILL-TREATMENT OF A SAILOR ON THE HIGH SEAS.

At the Middlesbrough Police Court to-day Robert Adamson charged William Benzie with assault ng him on the 8th December on the high seas. Mr Bentham, of Sunderland, appeared for complainant, and Mr Harrison, of West Hartlepool, for defendant.—Complainant said he shipped as steward on board the Adisage at Cardiff early in December. The vessel was bound for Malta. After leaving Cardiff he was almost distracted with neuralgia, and on the 8th December he went to the captain (Wm. Bandy) and asked permission to have a sleep. The captain abused him, and after thrusting him from his cabin struck him violently, cutting his top lip and drawing blood. He then ordered him to chip the iron deck with a hammer. Complainant proceeded to execute the order, but was so numb from the cold and exhausted by the pain he was suffering that he threw the hammer away, and it went overboard. The captain then ordered that he should be put in irons, and this was done, complainant offering no resistance. He was fastened up to an iron stanchion on deck and kept there for nearly three hours. He was without his coat and had a shirt on in rags owing to the ill-usage he had received at the hands of the captain. After his release he heard nothing more of the matter for six days, until the vessel was nearing Malta, and the captain then read an entry to him he had made in the log charging him with having been abusive to him. This he denied—The log was here put in, and the entry relating to the matter read. The entry read that complainant had abused the captain, who "had chastised him for it."—Mr Harrison explained that the words "chastised him" meant that the captain had used his authority and spoken to him about his conduct.—Complainant, resuming his evidence, denied that he had broken the seal of a rum bottle and drunk from it, and also denied that he was drunk when he asked the captain to relieve him for a short time from his duty. He never threatened to "rip the captain up."—George Wilkinson, chief mate, deposed to seeing complainant put out of the captain's cabin on the day in question. He was under the influence of drink, and when he was set to chip the deck he kept hitting an exhaust pipe, and for that and for the insolence to the captain he was fastened up to the stanchion on deck for a short time. He did not notice that complainant's shirt was torn, but was under the impression that he had a coat on. He admitted that when the crew were at the shipping office they stated to the shipping master that Adamson had been badly treated by the captain.—Mr C. J. Coleman, Stipendiary, said it was impossible on the evidence before him to convict the captain of the charge of assault, and therefore dismissed the case.—Adamson then sued Captain Bandy for balance of wages due, amounting to £8 7s 8d. It appeared that after the disturbance the captain reduced Adamson to the rank of seaman, and paid him a seaman's wage, instead of at the rate paid to a steward. Adamson claimed the difference, contending that he did all that was required of him. He admitted that a seaman named Burns took his place as steward on the 9th December.—His Worship made an order for the defendant to pay £2 17s, complainant to pay the costs.

GUISBOROUGH FINE ART AND INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

The sixth annual exhibition of amateur industrial and fine art work was opened at the Temperance Hall, Guisborough, yesterday afternoon, by Sir Jos. W. Pease, Bart., M.P. The exhibition embraces no fewer than 105 classes. The exhibits in the fine art department were in quality greatly in advance of those of last year, but they were not so numerous. In the industrial classes some excellent work was shown, while the exhibits in the ladies' and children's classes were numerous, and showed great skill, many of the pieces of fancy work being remarkably attractive. Mr John Maddison, of Middlesbrough, as usual, exhibited in the fine arts with great success, taking the first and two second prizes. The exhibition will be open daily until Friday, and attractive concerts are to be given. Judges:—Fine arts: Messrs Hobson, of Darlington, and Richardson, of Middlesbrough. Industrial: Mr Coughtanland, Darlington, and Dr. Stainthorpe, Saltburn. The following is a list of the prize winners in the fine art and industrial departments:—Oil painting, 1, Mrs Tones, Marske; 2, Jas. Pybus, North Shields; 3, Miss F. Leatham, Darlington. Oil painting (fruit or flowers), 1, Jno. Maddison, Middlesbrough; 2, Miss E. Palmer, Coatham; 3, Miss S. J. Ianson, Darlington. Copy, 1, Miss Ripley, Middlesbrough; 2, Miss Balmer; 3, W. H. Smith, Stockton. Copy (fruit or flowers), 1, M. Denny, Middlesbrough; water colour, 1 and 2, Mrs Abel Chapman; 3, Miss E. Bigland, Darlington. Pen and pencil drawing, 1, Miss Pease, Hutton Hall; 2, Jno. Maddison; do., copy, 1 and 3, Miss B. M. Swan, Upsall Hall; 2, J. Maddison. Painting on silk, satin, or velvet; Miss L. McNeil, Exchange Hotel, Middlesbrough; 2, Miss E. Stephenson, Port Mulgrave; 3, Miss J. Adamson, Bowesfield House, Stockton. On glass, 1, Miss Kate Dickinson, Skelton; 2, Miss S. Graham, Middlesbrough; 3, Miss L. McNeil; do., fruit or flowers, 1, Miss S. Graham, Middlesbrough; 2, Miss G. Hardy, Saltburn; 3, Miss J. Bulman. Loftus. Drawing: 1, J. Maddison; 2, Miss J. Delohen, St. Mary's Convent, Middlesbrough; 3, Miss E. Hudson, Guisborough. Pen and ink: 1, J. Maddison; 2, Wrigley, Guisborough. Sketch, local: 1, Miss Pease. Photography: 1, Dr. Stainthorpe; 2, P. Bulmer, Chester-le-Street; 3, G. Hobbs, Saltburn. Screens, painted: 1, Miss K. E. Ianson; 2, Miss E. E. Stephenson, Port Mulgrave; 3, Mrs Delstrother, Guisborough; 2, Mrs T. Lenn, Guisborough; 3, Mrs Walker, Guisborough. Industrial.—Model steam engine: 1, T. Allen. Darlington; 2, T. Laxonby, Stockton. General: 1, S. Harrison, North Skelton; 2, W. Hall, Ianson; 3, J. Sherwood, Bowiby Bank. Shell work: birds: 1, J. Watt, Guisborough; 2, G. Edis, Loftus; 3, C. Bewicke, Guisborough. Stuffed animals: 1, J. Heckle, Guisborough; 2, G. Edis; 3, — Pease-Coupe, Marske. Models: 1, J. M. Lees, Guisborough; 2, J. T. Bales, Loftus; 3, A. Swallwell, Great Ayton. Fretwork, hand: 1, T. Bales; 2, J. T. Bales, Loftus. Do., machine: 1, T. Bales; 2 and 3, Capt. W. Lynas, Coatham. Wood carving: 1, J. McLoughrey, Guisborough; 2, B. Leafe, Darlington; 3, Mrs T. McLoughrey. Ornamental leather work: Miss Terry, Guisborough.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual* for 1890 points out that potash is largely used to add to the solubility of many of the Cocoas at present sold, but that, in marked contrast, Messrs Cadbury supply an absolutely pure Cocoa of the highest quality; and that the name Cadbury on any packet of Cocoa or Chocolate is a guarantee of purity.—Advt.

North Country News.

Pottage's Great Stock Sale commences on Thursday at East-street and South-street.—Advt.

Willis, "The Hatter," has a New Stock of Hats, Ia Ties, Gloves, &c. 25, Newport-rd.—Advt.

MIDDLESBROUGH HARRIERS.—Run from Imperial Hotel To-morrow Night at 7.30. All athletes invited.—Advt.

FOOTBALL.—Great Match.—Grimsby Town v. Ironopolis on Saturday, Feb. 7th, on Paradise Ground (opposite Park gates). Kick off at 2.30.—Advt.

THE S.S. BEAR FUND AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—Mr A. Sockett, Assistant Town Clerk, and hon. sec. in connection with the fund being raised in the town for the widows and orphans—rendered so by the disaster to the s.s. Bear—has received the sum of £35 7s 7d from Mr Marwood, of Whitby, being the proceeds of a concert he'd there in aid of the fund on Friday last. The concert was promoted by the Missions to Seamen and Sailors' Union.

THE SHOCKING RAILWAY FATALITY AT STOCKTON.—Last evening Mr Coroner Settle held an inquest at the Stockton Police Court touching the death of Wm. Flowers Keurton, who was killed while trying to enter a train in motion at the Stockton Passenger Station on Monday. The facts were extremely simple, and the jury found a verdict of "Accidental death."

IMPUDENT THEFT AT HARTLEPOOL.—To-day a man named Patrick Kelly was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour at Hartlepool for stealing a florin from a little boy named Tingdale. The money belonged to Henry Collingwood, of Hart-street, who sent the boy to the New Cleveland Arms for beer. Prisoner was in the bar at the time, and took the florin from the counter as soon as the seaman's wage, instead of at the rate paid to a steward. Adamson claimed the difference, contending that he did all that was required of him. He admitted that a seaman named Burns took his place as steward on the 9th December.—His Worship made an order for the defendant to pay £2 17s, complainant to pay the costs.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS' BALL.—The whole of the employees of the Northern District Telephone Company met in the Masonic Hall, Sunderland, last night, when the annual concert and ball were held. Mr C. D. Clay, general manager of the Company, presided at the earlier proceedings, attended by about 250 of the employees. This was followed by dancing, which was kept up until two o'clock this morning. Amongst others present were Messrs Robert Stapnell, C. Sibley, W. Piddicombe, Gibbons, C. M. Denby, and O. Bewick.

FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AT WEST HARTLEPOOL.—Information was received this morning of the death in the Hartlepools Hospital of William Hangs (44), who, a little over a week ago, was knocked down by a locomotive on the railway near the rolling mills at West Hartlepool, and was so seriously injured that his right arm had to be amputated. Deceased was a puddler, and resided in Florence-street, where he leaves a widow and large family.

THE PROPOSED BOARD OF ARBITRATION FOR TEES-SIDE.—Last evening, at the monthly meeting of the Stockton Trades Council—Mr J. Green in the chair—the question of the proposed Board of Conciliation for the industrial district on both sides of the Tees, which had been deferred for three months, was again brought up.—On the motion of Mr George Rowntree, it was resolved unanimously that the matter should be allowed to remain in abeyance, as the present time was not considered favourable for forming a Board.

A YEAR'S MORTALITY IN SOUTH STOCKTON.—The annual report of the Medical Officer (Dr. Watson) was presented at last night's meeting of the Local Board. The statistics were:—Births, 633, or 37·23 per 1,000; deaths, 351, or 20·64; causes, enteric or typhoid fever, 33; whooping cough, 28; diarrhœa, 23; scarlet fever, &c., 5; accident or injury, 18; percentage of deaths from zymotic or infectious diseases, 5·8. The rate was greater than in 1888, and 1·4 higher than in 1889. The increase was owing to the prevalence of enteric or typhoid fever, due, he thought, to the want of efficient ventilation of the drains, especially in the higher parts of the town. The water supply was also not above suspicion, the waves of fresh cases in September and December making a *prima facie* case against it. The ashpits should also be more frequently cleansed, especially in the summer and autumnal quarters.—The report was ordered to be considered by the Plans and Works Committee.—The Medical Officer's figures for January were:—34 deaths, or 24 per 1,000; 43 cases of enteric or typhoid fever, and 22 cases of scarlet fever.

DEATH OF A NORTH-COUNTRY JOURNALIST.—The death has occurred at Clifton Asylum, near York, of Mr William Thompson, of Ennerdale House, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, a well-known North-country journalist, and for many years representative in Middlesbrough of the *Newcastle Chronicle*. The deceased gentleman, who died last night at the comparatively early age of 49 years, had been ailing for about two years. Mr Thompson was a native of Newcastle, and had his early journalistic training on the staff of the *Newcastle Chronicle*. After a brief connection with the *Northern Daily Express* and the *Newcastle Daily Journal*, he was re-engaged on the *Newcastle Chronicle* and placed in charge of their Stockton and Middlesbrough district, succeeding Mr Byron Webber, the novelist. This position he filled for nearly a quarter of a century, being the oldest Pressman in Middlesbrough. He had also been the Cleveland representative of the *Times*, and for several of the leading iron trade organs for many years, and was probably one of the most familiar figures on 'Change at Middlesbrough up to a few months ago. He leaves a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters.

BANKRUPTCY OF A DARLINGTON FURNITURE DEALER.—Mr Registrar Crosby heard at Stockton Bankruptcy Court this morning the public examination of Joseph Stewart, furniture and hardware dealer, formerly of 13, Priestgate, now of 70, Bondgate, Darlington. Debtor's liabilities were £173 5s 3d; assets (after deducting preferential claims), £5 2s; deficiency, £171 10s 2d. He started business in 1872 with £140 capital, and five years later, when his liabilities amounted to about £1,500, he paid a composition of 10s in the £, his father-in-law, Mr Webster, guaranteeing it. Trade remained bad afterwards, and he became aware in 1887 that he was again insolvent, and he admitted that he ought to have filed his petition then. Since that time he had contracted liabilities to the amount of £50 in the ordinary way of business. In April, 1888, he was sold up by Messrs Jordan and A. Harrison for £60 rent. He received £108, but he received no portion of that amount, the remainder going to other creditors. All his creditors had taken action against him, and the law costs so incurred had increased his difficulties. He could not specify the trade losses.—Examination was adjourned sine die. Mr Wade (Messrs Wade and Wethey), Middlesbrough, appeared for the debtor.

DISEASED MEAT PROSECUTIONS IN WEST HARTLEPOOL.—There has been a good deal of diseased meat condemned in West Hartlepool of late, and yesterday the subject came before the Town Council, one of its members, Councillor Grainger, who is engaged in the meat trade, having accused the Medical Officer of condemning a certain carcass on insufficient grounds.—The Medical Officer, however, declared that the animal in question was a mass of tuberculosis, and consequently totally unfit for human food.—The Council, after a short discussion, agreed to support the action of its officer, who, it must be believed, was perfectly satisfied that the carcass was affected.—Councillor Grainger pointed out the hardships of these repeated confiscations upon the owners of the condemned cattle, who suffered considerable pecuniary loss, the animals, without any fault on the cation of disease whilst living, having been purchased in the open market as sound, good stock. He argued that the Corporation ought to allow compensation in such cases. The Council, however, has no power to do so. It may be hard for the butchers, but the public must be protected at all costs.

THE TREAT TO POOR CHILDREN AT MIDDLESBROUGH.—The Middlesbrough Town Hall was filled with animation yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the treat to poor children provided by subscriptions by tradesmen of the town, licensed victuallers, members of the pantomime company, &c. Mr Fletcher, secretary to the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and Councillor Robson were the moving spirits of the gathering, and subscriptions have come in so well that an almost unlimited number of children have been provided for. The chief part of the treat was a meat tea, which was partaken of by about 1,200 children. Tables were set out with long tables, and provided with additional seats to those already in store, so as to seat about 1,100 at a time. The meal consisted of beef, bread and butter, cake, tea, &c. Tickets were issued for about 1,200 children, but it was decided to refuse none as long as the food held out. There were two full sittings, and still the comestibles were not exhausted, while a third hungry crowd of juveniles gathered round the gates of the building. These were also admitted and fed, so that as near as can be gathered upwards of 2,500 participated in the treat; and the food, which was packed for the ensuing entertainment, in which the Theatre band, members of the pantomime company, and others kindly took part. Bags of sweets were also given to the children, and the treat concluded with the gift of a warm scarf each. Mr Hayes as Sir Herman Collingwood presided at the entertainment.

STOCKTON BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—The fortnightly meeting was held this morning, Mr G. M. Watson, J.P., presiding.—It was reported that there were 280 inmates in the Workhouse, an increase of 8 on the corresponding day last year. The out-relief for the fortnight ended 17th January was £166 6s 3d, being an increase of £53 10s 3d on the corresponding period of last year.—A letter was read from Dr. Horne, calling attention to the unsatisfactory attendance at the vaccination station. During the last nine weeks the number presented for vaccination had averaged 3—in one case it was *nil*—and there were several cases on the register of certified, although they had not been vaccinated; and at the end of last quarter he had to visit cases at their homes in order to complete the quarterly returns. During last summer, when the Vaccination Officer took steps to induce attendance, there were as many as 50 in one week, causing unnecessary inconvenience to both the applicants and the public vaccinator. As he had pointed out already, it was exceedingly difficult to carry out the instructions which had been given by the Local Government Board, in consequence of this great inequality of cases. It was agreed to obtain the explanation of the Vaccination Officer before discussing the complaint.—A letter from the North-Eastern Sanitary Association, offering an annual inspection of the sanitary arrangements at the Workhouse, and an application from Miss Burnett for extra remuneration for performing the duties of Industrial Trainer, were referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee.—The Medical Officer reported that the total number of cases under treatment in the various medical districts of the union during the three months ending 30th November was as follows —Infectious cases 6, non-infectious 114.

Poole, Jeweller, Middlesbrough, has the largest staff of efficient workmen in the North.—Advt

THE MIRY STREETS OF MIDDLESBROUGH.—The state of the Middlesbrough streets was under discussion at the monthly meeting of the Middlesbrough Streets Committee yesterday afternoon.—Councillor Hinton wrote calling attention to the condition of the roads on the Scaitters Carr Estate.—The Chairman (Alderman Bulmer), while agreeing that much wanted doing there, thought there were much more pressing streets claiming their attention. The Council had to consider what steps to take any more now; he had enough in hand for the next nine months. If anything was added some of the present work must go.—Councillor Jones said the streets of the town were in such a disgraceful state that the question would have to be dealt with in as comprehensive a way; and, if necessary, the Surveyor's staff must be increased.—The Surveyor said he could not himself grapple with more work. He was making up the streets as fast as possible, and in time he would overtake the work. Then, he hoped, it would never be allowed to get into such arrears again.—The matter was allowed to drop without any resolution being come to.

WEST HARTLEPOOL TOWN COUNCIL — At yesterday's meeting, under the presidency of the Mayor (Alderman Lauder), a communication was read from the National Labour Federation recommending an increase of wages for the Corporation workmen.—The Finance Committee, in a letter, put in by the Surveyor, was also submitted from some of the workmen who expressed surprise that the Federation should have interfered in the matter, adding that when they required an advance they would apply the selves.—It was decided to refer the matter for consideration to the Works Committee.—Councillor Grainger complained that the Medical Officer had condemned a beast as suffering from tuberculosis which he (Councillor Grainger) considered quite healthy and fit for human food. He thought that some compensation should be made to butchers, as in the case of farmers. He also thought that the injury of butchers should be allowed to inspect the animals with the Medical Officer, as was the practice in other towns.—The Medical Officer (Dr. Gourley) defended the action he had taken.—The Clerk said the Corporation had no power to grant compensation.—A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the advisability of establishing public baths.

SOUTH STOCKTON CEMETERY EXTENSION.—A meeting of the Thornaby Burial Board was held yesterday afternoon, Mr W. Whitwell, J.P., presiding.—The Clerk (Mr W. J. Watson) reported an offer of a loan of £4,200, for the Cemetery extension, from the Economic Life Assurance Society, at 4 per cent., for 30 years, with power to repay or recall at the end of seven years.—In the discussion which took place it was felt that 4 per cent. was too high a rate. Mr Morgan Crosthwaite pointed out that in the event of the town being incorporated, the Burial Board would merge in the Town Council, who, with a sinking fund, could command much easier terms than 4 per cent. It was decided to ask the Insurance Society if they would advance a loan at the same rate for two or three years only. If not, a temporary private loan will probably be sought.—Mr Garry, architect, West Hartlepool, whose design for laying out the Cemetery extension had been accepted, attended with an estimate for laying out half the new ground, for which the Board had only available. It was felt that £600 was insufficient for the work which it was really desirable should be proceeded with, but it was resolved to call a special meeting before going to the vestry for extended borrowing powers. A further £1,000 was suggested as likely to be required.

STOCKTON CORPORATION AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—Last evening at the meeting of Stockton Town Council the Mayor, pursuant to notice, called attention to the fund now in the hands of the County Council available for the purposes of technical education, and reminded the Council that last session a sum of £743 5s was set aside to the County Councils, and of this sum Durham's share was £16,699. If proper application were made Stockton would obtain a share of this sum. He moved the appointment of a committee to confer with the School Board and other persons regarding the subject.—Councillor Ralph Appleton seconded.—Councillor Samuel, as a member of the Technical Education Committee of the County Council, said the committee had not done anything yet in the way of allocating the money. The Council's fair disposal was between £11,000 and £12,000, the latter sum if the £15,000 being allocated to Gateshead and Sunderland. In addition to this money they would have the power to levy a 1d rate, and he calculated that by this means they could have a revenue of £1,500 a year to carry on technical education in the town. Therefore he thought it was a matter of importance to the town, and not a sectional matter.—The motion having been carried, the committee was appointed, to consist of the Mayor, Alderman Richardson, Alderman Sanderson, Councillors Samuel, Crosby, and Trotter.

TEES PILOTAGE BOARD.

(To the Editor of the North Eastern Daily Gazette.)

SIR,—Having read in your widely-circulated newspaper of yesterday the account of the monthly meeting of the Tees Pilotage Board, I think the proceedings reported should receive the close attention of the pilots who come within the Board's regulations. It appears that Mr Amos, of the Tees Commissioners, was invited by the Pilotage Board to audit the annual accounts, and that gentleman has certainly, to my mind, drawn the attention of the Board to two serious items in their accounts. The pilots' sheiling, which was bought six years ago, cost £80, and the bill commented upon for additions amounted to £109. We all know that the shipbuilders on our river, notably Sir Raylton Dixon and Co., Messrs Richardson, Duck, and Co., and others, have in every case to give tenders for the work to be done to ships, however small. We are living in a growing district, and public bodies should always encourage healthy competition. The suggestion of the auditor that the fees received by the pilots amounting to £3,864 12s 7d should appear in the books of the Board is certainly a point that should be strictly adhered to. The great fault in the pilotage system on the Tees is that a few of the pilots receive the bulk of the sums, many of the younger pilots hardly earning a subsistence. If the pilotage fees were passed through the books the accounts would show the names of the pilots who are what I must call monopolising the pilotage on our important river. In conclusion, I beg to state that if great care was taken in the expenditure the old disabled pilots and their widows would receive much higher pensions.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

AN INHABITANT OF TEES-SIDE.

4th February, 1891.

HARTLEPOOLS HOSPITAL.

THE SURGICAL STAFF DIFFICULTY.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the Hartlepools Hospital was held yesterday. The Rev. J. Burdon, M.A., Castle Eden, was re-elected president, and Sir W. Gray and Mr W. H. Fisher, J.P., were appointed vice-presidents, the latter in the place of Mr Thos. Belk, deceased. The resignations from subscriptions for the year amounted to £1,716 10s 11d, an increase of £21 12s 7d on the previous year. The expenditure amounted to £1,908 12s 10d, and there is a balance in hand of £630, as against £821 last year. The outpatients's attendances amounted to 2,729 7s 7d, an increase of 2291 odd. The number of patients treated was 1,510, an increase of 550 over last year, due to the increased accommodation of the Hospital.—Dr. Morrison had given notice to propose a resolution having for its object the alteration of the honorary surgical staff of the Hospital. Dr. Morrison said it had come to his knowledge that his motion for the alteration of Rule 2 was being bitterly opposed by many of the governors. He, therefore, out of deference to the chairman, who had threatened to resign should there be any disagreeable proceedings, desired to withdraw his motion. He was for the reasons named, and those alone, that he was withdrawing. He had, however, not in the least altered his opinion that the present exclusive system of the members of the surgical staff was detrimental to the Hospital and the general public, and he should, therefore, without delay, bring the susceptibilities of any of the Hospital staff to organise a scheme in the future to meet what he considered the requirements, particularly, of the working men.

STREET OBSTRUCTIONS IN MIDDLESBROUGH.

At the monthly meeting of the Middlesbrough Streets Committee yesterday afternoon, Alderman Bulmer in the chair, the police reported a number of tradesmen for causing street obstructions with their wares. It was decided at the previous meeting to instruct the police to report such cases. They now reported Mr M. Vale and Mrs P. Bernstein, both furniture dealers, of Newport-road; Messrs Wright and Archibald, drapers, Sussex-street, who, with others, caused great obstruction. The two first paid a shilling a week for the privilege of putting goods outside, and Cook Chrysac said there were ten furniture dealers who did so, and 12 or 14 baked potato and ice cream vendors, the income from whom was £1 12s 6d.—Alderman Archibald said he had always been in favour of the total prohibition of these obstructions, but

CHIPS.

The word "and" occurs 46,277 times in the Bible.

The London postal parcel traffic at Christmas numbered 1,150,000 packages, many containing turkeys and plum-puddings.

Betting on the rainfall has become so prevalent a form of gambling in India that the Legislature has dealt with it in a Bill that became law at the close of last year.

It is estimated that over 100,000,000 people now speak the English language; over 41,000,000 the French; 60,000,000 German; 30,000,000 Italian; 41,000,000 Spanish; 13,000,000 Portuguese; and 67,000,000 Russian.

Matoisi, a French physician, was so fond of administering medicine that, seeing all the phials and pill boxes of a patient completely emptied and ranged in order on the mantelpiece, he said:—"Ah, sir, it gives me great pleasure to attend you—you deserve to be ill."

Marshal Saxe has left it on record that there was no article of a soldier's dress more important than his boots; and that battles were won by legs. The Duke of Wellington, on being asked what was the best requisite for a soldier, replied, "A good pair of shoes." "What next?" "A spare pair of good shoes." "What next?" "A spare pair of soles!"

The largest library in the world is the Bibliotheque National in Paris, founded by Louis XIV. It contains 1,400,000 volumes, 300,000 pamphlets, 175,000 manuscripts, 300,000 maps and charts, and 150,000 coins and medals. The collection of engravings exceeds 1,300,000, contained in some 10,000 volumes. The portraits number about 100,000. The building which contains these treasures is situated on the Rue Richelieu. Its length is 540 feet, its breadth 130 feet.

A Danish officer was making observations in regard to the deviation of rifle bullets. One day, when walking on the ramparts at Duppel, he saw a Prussian sharpshooter taking aim at him. While the soldier placed himself against a tree, in order to take a steadier aim, the officer raised his glass to watch his movements. "This is all right," said he; "the musket is just on line with my breast—we shall see." The trigger was pulled, and the Danish officer quietly wrote down: "At a distance of about five hundred yards the deviation of a ball from a rifled musket is about one metre."

An electric machine used in a hotel kitchen for washing dishes consists of two tanks about twenty inches deep. The first one is filled with boiling water. On the sides are two propellers, exactly in shape like those of a steamship. Above is a disc and lever, such as was used in Kemmler's electrocution. The dishes are put on edge in wicker crates very much like lobster pots. The attendant throws the lever across the disc, the circuit is completed, and the propellers with great rapidity revolve, throwing the powerful currents from opposite directions. Soap and lye are put into the tanks, and the water fairly seethes. The boiling water tank is used for rinsing, and the dishes come out bright and clean.

The second "Beauty Competition" (which was on this occasion restricted only to brunettes) offered by the proprietors of "Beauty and Fashion," has been awarded to Miss Emilie Hart, of 26, Belvedere-street, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was selected for this distinction out of an exceedingly large number of competitors. The portrait of the Northumbrian beauty will be produced in the forthcoming issue of this London fashion journal, and the adjudicators are assured that their decision will meet with general approval. They regard the competition as in every way satisfactory, their wealth of choice having comprehended so large a number of brunette beauties.

Everyone knows that Mr Bradlaugh in his prime enjoyed Herculean strength. The public has heard of his felling several rowdies with his strong right arm in Hyde Park in 1878. At one of his meetings in a Lancashire town two half-drunken colliers kept up a constant fire of interruptions. After his patience had been taxed for some time, Mr Bradlaugh warned the two men to desist, with the threat that if they annoyed him again he would put them out. They jeered and dared him to do it, whereupon "Iconoclast" jumped from the platform, seized each man by the neck and ran them down the central aisle of the hall, and threw them down the outside steps.

Queen Victoria takes great interest in weddings. When one of the Royal servants gets married, she always has a talk with them, and presents the lucky damsel with a family Bible, prayer-book, and present of household linen. A very splendid wedding gift has been despatched from Windsor to the Emperor of China's young bride. It is a clock 5ft. high, and made of massive silver. The only ornamentation is an impressive figure of Britannia. The set of chiming bells give the same chords as does dear old "Big Ben." According to the Queen's special desire the inscription is in Chinese, and expresses the wish that the clock many never sound any but happy fleeting hours for the tiny-footed recipient.

Nearly all the common marbles which drag down the pockets of our boys are made in Oberstein, Germany. They are made from the refuse of the agate and stone quarries in that neighbourhood. The stone is broken into small cubes by blows of a light hammer. These small blocks of stone are thrown by the shovelful into the "hopper" of a small mill, formed of a bed of stone, having its surface grooved with concentrated furrows; above these is the "runner," which is made of hard wood, having a level face on its lower surface. The upper block is made to revolve rapidly, water being delivered upon the grooves of the bed stone where the marbles are being rounded. It takes about fifteen minutes to finish a bushel of good marbles ready for "snapping." One mill will turn out 170,000 marbles per week. The very hardest "crackers," as the boys call them, are made by a slower process, somewhat analogous, however, to the other.

Gamblers, says Sir George Chetwynd in his "Racing reminiscences," are always the most superstitious of mortals—a truth illustrated by the following:—Captain Batchelor was an extraordinarily superstitious man. One day I heard him say, coming down in the train, "What a bore it is the Houghton week lasts six days; I am obliged to take down six different suits of clothes." If he lost the first day he would not think of appearing in the same suit the next day, and so on through the week. He had a mania for touching with his stick pieces of orange-peel or paper that he saw in front of him as he walked, and I often suggested what fun it would be to walk some little distance in front of him, up Piccadilly or St. James's-street, tearing up pieces of paper as one went. It would have taken him a considerable time to walk a hundred yards. He was a very fine whist player, playing a peculiar game of his own, and preferring to play in a muff rubber. He always in dealing gave vent to a peculiar hiss as he turned the card up, and invariably turned his cards three times over, and stroked his forehead before looking at them.

The late French artist, Meissonier, like Napoleon, whom he painted so superbly, was one of the little great men of the world. He was no taller than Thiers; and he was even less strongly built, a large head and broad shoulders being supported by short and slender legs. His bushy beard and whiskers gave him a fierceness which was wholly belied by his gentleness of manner and by his shyness in the presence of strangers. On the principle that he who drives fat oxen should himself be fat, Meissonier's littleness of person was very appropriate, for his pictures owe much of their fame to their tininess. Take, for instance, "Le Rôtî," which was in the Secretan collection. It is no bigger than a crown-piece, and the amount of fine work put in by the painter into the tiny panel is amazing. Amazing, and attractive; for as someone said the other day of Meissonier, everybody is interested in seeing the Lord's Prayer written on a threepenny piece. At the Luxembourg, when you are seen approaching the smaller Meissoniers, an attendant at once rushes at you with a magnifying-glass. If the value of pictures be judged by their prices per square inch, some of Meissonier's must certainly be pronounced the most precious art "gems" in the world. The "Napoleon," for instance, which Mr Ruskin bought in 1859, was sold in 1882 for £6,090. The little picture is only 12½ by 9½, so that it was worth £56 the square inch! Fancy prices such as these were, however, justified economically by the enormous cost of production, both in time and money, which Meissonier incurred. His collection of "properties" of all kinds was enormous, and he spared no trouble or expense to ensure absolute correctness. When painting the "1814," for instance, Meissonier constructed a miniature landscape covered with models of waggons, tumbrils, cannons, and the other *impedimenta* of an army, which were drawn across his landscape covered with some white powder suggestive of recently-fallen snow.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

A weak slip of a girl can shake the heart out of a powerful man.

Mrs Cregan; "Arrah! Mrs Clancey, yez oughtee go cop to Mrs Whelan's. Sure, she's going to have a pianner forte." Mrs Clancey: "A pianner for tay, is it? Begorra, the appetite of her!"

Waiter girl: "Umumumumumerum." Experienced guest: "Umumumumumerum." Waiter girl: "What did you say, sir?" Experienced guest: "Same as you did. Bring 'em along."

The wagon spoke to the wheel and said it made him tired to be connected with such low fellocs as he was, but he was surrounded by a circle through which he could not break.

Indignant bicyclist: "Madam, your dog snaps at me every time I pass. Here he comes now." (Starts off.) Old lady: "Sport, Sport, you foolish dog. Come here. Them ain't bones. Them's legs."

"Hurry up with them chops!" ordered a young fellow in a Bowery restaurant. "Look here, young feller," said the waiter, "ye'll git yer food, but don't chase me."

Watts: "This thing of making policemen's clubs out of paper is a new thing, is it not?" Potts: "Hardly. Newspaper clubs have been known for many years.

Miss Debut: "Do you believe in marrying for love?" Chicago matron: "Oh, it's all a matter of taste. I tried it a couple of times, and rather liked it."

Farmer: "Come out here to the bars, Miss Beaconstreet, I want to show you my new Jersey calf." Miss Beaconstreet (enchanted): "Oh, what a lovely little cow! Now, I suppose that is the kind that gives the condensed milk, isn't it?"

Fogg: "Were you sea-sick when you crossed?" "Not a bit. The captain said he never saw rougher weather, and he and I were the only ones on board who were not sick." Fogg: "Seventy-three." Nokes: "Seventy-three what?" Fogg: "Times I've heard that story this summer."

"I called to see your father this afternoon," remarked Charlie, as he took a seat in the parlour. Hester fluttered visibly. Recovering herself with an apparent effort she said, simply: "Did you?" "Yes," replied Charlie. "He has been owing our firm a little bill for some time."

"Miss Sumpkins is a very sharp-spoken girl," said Blifkins to one of his friends. "Yes; it has struck me so." "Do you think she is a woman who would make home happy?" "I couldn't say as to that; but I think you could count on her to make it lively and interesting."

"Anything wrong with the coffee this morning, John?" "No, it's good enough." "Biscuits all right?" "I haven't any fault to find with the biscuits." "Steak cooked all right?" "I don't see anything wrong with the steak." "No complaint to make about anything?" "No." "John, I wish you would let me have fifty cents to buy some ribbons."

CONTRADICTION.

Englishman: "What will you take?" Frenchman: "I will take a drop of contradiction." Englishman: "Contradiction! What on earth do you mean?" Frenchman: "Vell, you put in ze whisky to make it strong, ze water to make it weak, ze lemon to make it sour, and ze sugar to make it sweet. Den you say, 'Here's to you!' and you take it yourself."

TWO WAYS OF PUTTING IT.

"Doctor," said an old lady the other day to her family physician, "can you tell me how it is that some folks are born dumb?" "Why, hem, certainly, madam," replied the doctor. "It is owing to the fact that they come into the world without the faculty of speech!" "Dear me!" remarked the old lady; "now just see what it is to have a medical education! I've asked my husband more than a hundred times that same thing, and all that I could get out of him was, 'because they are.'"

ON THOSE CONDITIONS HE WOULD.

"No, sir, I cannot trust you for those trousers." "Why not, Mr Grind?" "Because you will never pay me." "I know; but I've got a scheme by which you can make some money." "How?" "You know Speckle, your rival across the street?" "Yes." "Well, if you tell him you trusted me for a pair of trousers, he'll trust me for a coat and vest. Don't you see? A coat and vest are worth four times as much as a pair of trousers. You'll only lose fifteen shillings, while he is losing three pounds." "Well, on those conditions you can have them."

SHE BOUGHT THE DRUM.

Itinerant toy merchant (respectfully): "Madam, I have not called for the purpose of trying to sell you anything, but to enquire if there is a man named Jones living in this vicinity." Lady of the house: "Mr Jones lives next door." "Thanks. He has by now about 12 years of age, has he not?" "He has." "I think he is the man I am looking for. I was directed a few moments ago by a friend of his to call upon him. I am making my last trip as a travelling vendor of merchandise, and have sold out all my juvenile wares except this brass-tipped drum with ebony sticks, which I shall offer to Mr Jones at such a figure that—but pardon me. I had no intention of detaining you. Thanks for your kindness, madam. Good day." "Wait! What is that drum of yours worth?" "It is really worth eighteenpence, but I had decided to offer it to Mr Jones for his boy at the merely nominal figure of sixpence." "I'll take it."

OUTCLASSED.

"Matilda," the young man said nervously, "what I am going to say may surprise you. But my feelings are leading me on. Encouraged by your kindness, intoxicated by your beauty, and rendered desperate by the conviction that the hours are fleeing away and that the future can hold nothing for me worse than the suspense under which I now labour, I have resolved to risk my fate on the cast of the die." He loosened his collar, coughed, and went ahead. "Other young men, Matilda, mere butterflies of fashion, may dance attendance upon you and flatter you. Listen not to them! Listen to the voice of sincere devotion! Other young men, talented, nay, perchance, young men possessed of wealth in abundance, may seek your hand. I am not talented, Matilda, I am not handsome. I have not those delicate little arts that win the affections of women. I am not rich——" "No, Mr Dennis," said the young beauty, with a yawn, and rising to her feet; "I regret to say, also, that you are not in it." Mr Dennis withdrew from the competition at once. He was clearly outclassed.

STARTING RIGHT WITH HIM.

A vivid blush dyed the cheek of the young girl, Archie Psoft was about to propose. "Sardinia," he said, "May—may——" "Well, Archie?" "I—I was going to say, Sardinia—I was going to say that——" "Yes, you were going to say that——" "Yes," he broke out eagerly, "I was going to say that I—that I——" "Well, what were you going to say?" "Why, I was—I was." Young Mr Psoft clutched at his collar to loosen it, cleared his throat, and tried it again. "Why, the fact is——" "Yes, Archie, the fact is——" "That I—h'm! h'm!—I——" "Yes. You—you——" "I—I have forgotten what I was going to say." "Oh, Archie! How could you!" "No, I haven't," said the poor fellow, desperately. "I remember now. I was going to—to ask——" "Yes, Archie, you were going to ask——" "That's it! I was going to ask—Sardinia, don't you know what I was going to ask?" "I am not a mind reader, Mr Psoft." "Don't mock me, Sardinia! Try to read my heart!" "I think I can, Archie," she said, softly. "You want to ask me——" "That's right," he said, encouragingly. "Go ahead!" "To be——" "Yes, yes—'to be'—go on! Go on!" "To be your——" "That's right! 'To be my'——" "Your—your" "Yes. 'My—my'—why don't you go ahead? You're the lashfulest girl I ever saw." "I—I can't say it, Archie!" "Yes, you can. 'To be my'—what's the rest of it? Don't let a little thing like that fluster you. Be a brave girl, Sardinia!" "I can't say it!" "O yes, you can. Speak it right out!" "You wanted to ask me to be your wife, Archie." "There!" he exclaimed in triumph. "You see how easily it is done." And he patted her head majestically. "All you want is a little courage." "Was that what you wished to ask me?" "Of course it was!" "Then why don't you do it, sir?" "Me? Great Christopher! You know what I——" "Yes, sir, I knew it all the time. I've known it for six months. But you've got to ask it. Get down on your knees!" "Why, Sardinia? what's the use of my——" "Down on your knees!" He flopped down, and the imperious young beauty made him repeat after her the necessary question. She promised to take it under advisement and give him a favourable answer if she found upon enquiry that he had been always good to his mother. And then she permitted him to rise, the most thoroughly humbled young man in England.

FIFTEEN MEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

The Minister of the Interior at Athens has received a telegram stating that out of 40 men working on the road between Denaitsana and Tripolitza, in the Peloponnesus, with the object of opening communication with the snow-blocked villages, 15 have been frozen to death. The remainder were removed in a hopeless condition.

EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSION OF MURDER.

A CRIME 25 YEARS OLD.

At Gateshead County Police Court yesterday William Melville, aged 50, glass maker, was charged on his own confession with having committed a murder and robbery at York 25 years ago.—Superintendent Harrison said prisoner gave himself up on Saturday night, but as he was drunk no statement was taken from him. On Monday he made a statement to the effect that about March, 25 years ago, he and a man named William Jobling, of Newcastle, went from the latter town to York. On arriving there they looked out for a house to break into, and entered one by the back. They obtained £27, and were going down stairs when they met a girl. She shouted. He fired one shot at her with a revolver which he carried, and she fell. They made their way to the station, and travelled to Manchester, where they remained four months, committing several robberies during that time. The prisoner had, however, since withdrawn the admission of the murder, but adhered to the statement regarding the robberies. Communications had been made with the York police, and full particulars sent. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

EXECUTION OF EYRAUD.

CALLOUS TO THE LAST.

The last scene in the life of the notorious French murderer, Eyraud, celebrated as having, with the assistance of the woman Bompard, strangled a sheriff named Gouffe, took place yesterday, in the prison of La Roquette, Paris. The guillotine was erected in the Place de la Roquette early the same morning, the executioner, M. Deibler, superintending the labours of his assistants, who worked by the light of a lantern which cast lurid reflections upon the red uprights of the deadly instrument. At a quarter to six all was ready. The executioner made sure that the knife moved easily in its groove by sending it two or three times up and down, and saw to it that everything worked well. At a quarter to seven the officers of justice entered the cell of Eyraud, whom they found already dressed, sitting in a crouching position on his bed. On being informed that his petition for pardon had been rejected, Eyraud simply replied, "Very well." He then put off his prison uniform, and changed his trousers and socks, declining all assistance from anyone. Being asked by the Procurator if he had anything to say, Eyraud replied, "No." The Abbé Faure then approached the condemned man, and offered to receive any messages he might wish to send to his wife and daughter. "Tell them," said Eyraud, "that I bid them good-bye; and may they be happy." The Abbé having then offered him a small glass of brandy, Eyraud declined it, saying, "No; that would do me no good." He also refused all religious ministrations, and then, attended by the chief warder and a gaoler, walked into the dressing-room, where he looked attentively at all the gentlemen present, but said not a word. When, however, he had sat down and the executioner had begun the pinioning, he asked, "Might I request that my body should not be given to the surgeons?" The Abbé Faure assured him that his body should be given to his family, for which Eyraud thanked him. The Abbé then repeated that he would embrace his wife and children for him. As the unhappy man was being bound, looking into the faces of those around him, he exclaimed in an angry voice, "Constans (the Minister of the Interior) was right. He has gained his case, and what a grand one! He is going to decorate Gabrielle Bompard. Ah! you are hurting my finger!" and, suddenly turning to the assistant engaged in tying the bandages, he added, "Don't pinch so tightly." He again refused a glass of brandy, and afterwards preserved a rigid silence until he arrived at the guillotine, where he was embraced by the Abbé Faure, Eyraud, however, refusing to return his kiss. During the passage from the cell to the scaffold Eyraud looked to the right and left, and then fixed his eyes on the guillotine. Having arrived at the foot of the machine and within a few feet of the block, he turned to the assistants and shouted in a loud and angry voice, "Constans is a murderer, and more a murderer than I. Constans is——." Before he could complete his sentence he was seized by the executioner's assistants and thrown upon the inclined plank. Deibler pressed the knob by means of which the knife is set in motion, the flashing blade fell, and the head of the murderer rolled into the basket. It was just twenty-two minutes past seven. The body was at once placed in a waggon, which, driven at full gallop, and escorted by a company of gendarmes, conveyed it to the cemetery. The Abbé Faure followed in a cab. The form of burial was gone through, and the body was afterwards handed over to Eyraud's relatives.

SHOT DEAD BY HIS FATHER.

An inquest was held at Stanstead, near Long Melford, Suffolk, yesterday, on Walter Crisall, aged 15, who, while rabbit shooting in company with his father, got into a ditch to stop a hole. He got up just as his father fired at a rabbit, and was shot dead.—Verdict: Accidental death.

J. L. SULLIVAN CLEARS A RAILWAY TRAIN.

John L. Sullivan created a panic among the members of his company on the way to Freeport (U.S.) on Friday last. He insulted a woman of the troupe, thrashed a man who protested, and took possession of the train. When the train stopped he drove the passengers and trainmen into the station, and finally was coaxed into a carriage and taken to Rochford to sober up.

THE RECENT COLLIERY EXPLOSION IN AMERICA.

ATTACK ON THE MANAGER BY WOMEN.

A violent assault was made on Monday upon Mr Keighley, superintendent of the mine of the Frick Coke Company, near Mount Pleasant, where the recent terrible disaster occurred, by the wives of the victims of the explosion. One woman sprang at his throat like a tigress, and was with difficulty shaken off. A number of Hungarians afterwards stoned him.

FIGHT AT A GRAVESIDE.

A COMPANY OF DRUNKEN MOURNERS.

A revolting spectacle has been witnessed in the Keighley Cemetery. A Roman Catholic funeral arrived from Nelson, Lancashire, several of the mourners being intoxicated. Some of the men beat their sticks about the coffin on its transit to the grave, and when it had been lowered to its last resting place a pane of glass in the lid of the coffin was violently broken. From using language of a disgraceful character the men got to blows, and a desperate struggle ensued at the grave-side. One woman was seriously hurt about the face.

THE WORLD'S FAIR AT A STANDSTILL.

Chicago is in a quandary over the Great World's Fair. The Finance Committee of the World's Fair report that the exposition will cost 15,000,000 dols., and the probable receipts are estimated at 10,000,000 dols. Looking at the prospects from the best possible point of view only 10,000,000 dols. will be available before May, 1893, and the directors do not know where to get the additional money that will be required to carry out the exhibition in the form originally contemplated. It is suggested that in order to meet the financial difficulty a bond for the gate receipts should be obtained for 5,000,000 dols.

CLAIMANTS TO AN ESTATE OF £10,000,000.

On Monday Mr S. B. Ruby, United States Consul, and Sir James Haslett sat in Belfast, as Commissioners nominated by the Southern District Court of the State of New York, to take answers to interrogatories as submitted from New York respecting the claimants in the vicinity of Belfast and Lisburn to the estate of the late Mr A. T. Stewart, of Broadway, New York, alleged to be worth £10,000,000 by the claimants. The value of the estate had been put at ten million pounds sterling.

THE DEATH RATE.

The Registrar-General reports that the annual rate of mortality during the week ending Jan. 31 in the twenty-eight great towns of England and Wales averaged 22·3 per 1,000 of their aggregate population. The rate in Birkenhead was 26, Birmingham 25, Blackburn 21, Bolton 25, Bradford 19, Brighton 20, Bristol 25, Cardiff 23, Derby 13, Halifax 29, Huddersfield 19, Hull 16, Leeds 27, Leicester 21, Liverpool 20, London 22, Manchester 28, Newcastle-on-Tyne 24, Norwich 22, Nottingham 13, Oldham 24, Plymouth 25, Portsmouth 18, Preston 35, Salford 27, Sheffield 21, Sunderland 21, and Wolverhampton 18. The rate in Edinburgh was 24, Glasgow 35, and Dublin 32.

For Cruets, Teapots, Knives, Forks, Spoons, and Electro Plate, &c., Poole's, Middlesbrough, is the best shop.—ADVT.

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NEW STORY BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

CHAPTER I.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

"Do you think she'll pull through, Jenny?"

"Ah, I don't know. Katie Law never had much strength to come and go on, and she's been worse this time than I liked to see," answered Jenny Scott; and her kind eyes turned with a mournful interest on the neighbouring cottage, about which there was a solemn hush of expectancy that summer afternoon, for there were great issues at stake.

"John Bethune will miss Katie, if she is taken away," said the first speaker, settling herself against the lintel for a comfortable gossip. "I've often said to our Tom that he's too much set on her."

"I would not say that, Kirsty; she's a winsome, bonnie creature. I've lived beside her now for twa years and more, and I never saw anything but a smile on her face."

"Perhaps not; but I like folk that can grumble sometimes—it shows that they have some gumption," said Kirsty Paterson. "But I warrant you John got the wrong side of her sometimes, as well as other folk's men."

"I don't think that, Kirsty," said Jenny, shaking her head; "she's very fond of him, too. Ah, I hope she'll get through, for his sake as well as her own. He's a fine man. As I say sometimes to Sandy, he hasn't a brother."

"Very well, give me a man that doesn't set himself up for better than his neighbours," maintained Kirsty, stoutly. "I'm sure it wasn't at Auchtermairnie he got his grand ideas, for old John Bethune's a decent man, and just like his neighbours. He knows the taste of Jean Brunton's ale, I'll warrant you, though John there pretends that he wouldn't wet his lips with it. But, I say," she added, lowering her voice, "who's in there with the doctor?—anybody from Auchtermairnie?"

Jenny Scott shook her head.

"No, it's not Susan Bethune that'll come to Katie Law in her trouble. She's never been in the Star that I know of since Katie came."

"No, she has not," said Kirsty, with quiet relish. "And my brother-in-law's sister's husband in Kennoway told me that Susan said she would never darken their door while she lived. And when he told me, I just said, 'Where did those Bethunes get their pride?' Though Katie Law was only a servant girl, was she not as good as them? No doubt they have been in Auchtermairnie very nearly as long as the laird's folk have been in Balfour. But what about that? They're no better than working folk. I cannot bear such pride!"

"Hush, Kirsty! is that not a child crying?" interrupted Jenny, in a warning, excited whisper; and immediately they strained their ears, and stretched their necks over the paling towards John Bethune's door. But the dead stillness there remained unbroken by the slightest sound.

"Do you know who's in? Is Nancy Brown down?" asked Kirsty, eagerly.

"There's nobody that I know of but Jean Campbell," answered Jenny. "Kate and her have always been thick, you know."

"Yes, too much so; I've often said to Tom there would be a grand turn-up among them. Jean will be in high feather to-day. She should be first and foremost," said Kirsty Paterson, for she had an old grudge against the mistress of the Knowe. "For me, I would be ashamed to put my nose into other folk's business the way she does."

"John went for her, Kirsty, for I saw him myself just after dinner-time. Nancy Brown is perhaps in too, for anything I know."

"Hush, woman, there's somebody at the door!" At that moment the two worthies were rewarded by the sight of John Bethune himself on the threshold of his own door. His face was white and haggard, the deep eyes under the rugged brows darkened by a strange agony; his voice when he spoke scarcely rose above a thick, unsteady whisper.

"Get somebody to run to Auchtermairnie, will you?" he asked, apparently unconscious of the devouring interest with which they hung upon his looks and words.

"Ay; the school's out, I hear the children," answered Jenny at once. "I'll run for my Tommy, and set him off at once. Who's Katie?—"

The man only shook his head, implored her to lose no time, and again vanished within. The neighbours looked at each other a moment, then simultaneously and unanimously shook their heads.

"I'll go and bring Tommy," said Jenny at last, and, marching up the road, she dragged the urchin from a crowd gathered round the window of the shop, greedily eyeing the latest thing in "sweet marbles," and marched him down to the house, instructing him by the way what he had to do. At the door she took in the greasy leather bag which contained his school books, and bade him be off, and not let the grass grow beneath his feet till he got to Auchtermairnie. Tommy retired at a brisk trot along the dusty road, encumbered by neither shoes nor stockings, the wide corduroy breeches of his mother's make flapping like sails about his sunbrowned knees. After having satisfied herself that Tommy was really off, Jenny Scott returned to her gossip, and she pair plunged once more into the luxury of speculation to which Katie Law's serious illness gave rise. The whole past, present, and future of the Bethunes was discussed, and they concluded that if Katie died and left a living child, John's sister would just need to return to her old post as housekeeper to him; and, as that would leave the old man and Peter uncared for at Auchtermairnie, they set about finding a wife for the latter, and so there talk became a very involved and responsible affair, which it would not be easy to follow out to any sort of ending whatsoever.

Meanwhile Tommy, having got beyond his mother's observations was taking his time over his mission. The first interruption occurred at the smithy, which was a favourite resort of his, and where he would sit for hours watching John Masterson at his work, though he knew he was to be envied than a king. To Tommy it seemed a beautiful thing to have nothing to do but nail shoes on to horses' feet, and blow up the fire till it glowed again, the latter part of the smith's labours being especially to be desired in the winter time. He whisked round the corner, and, planting himself on the seat of a reaping machine awaiting repair, watched the smith's operations with devouring interest. They were especially engrossing at that moment; for one of the Carriston men had brought in an unbroken filly to be shod before she was put out to the grass. She was a dainty, high-bred thing, intended for Mr Lawson's own riding, and she seemed to have a curious aversion to standing still. The sweat was pouring over the smith's face, and the man at her head was red with his exertion of trying to hold her in. After having watched the shoeing process to a close, Tommy, leisurely descended from his perch, and crossed the road to the old quarry to look whether the birds were hatched in a nest under a whin bush known only to himself. Having satisfied himself on that point, and carefully handled the eggs, he bethought himself of his errand, and ran across the fields, by the hedging footpath, to Kennoway, knowing his supple limbs would soon put him safely beyond observation or chase. It was after five o'clock, and Susan Bethune was sitting down to her afternoon tea, when he arrived breathless at the door of Auchtermairnie—a cosy farm-steading standing a little off the road, within half a mile of Kennoway.

"I'm not for anything to day; away you go," she called out in answer to the knock, but started to her feet when the urchin answered back, shrilly—

"You've to come away to Star as fast as you like, my mother says. Katie Law's most awful ill."

"Who is you, Tommy Scott," said Susan Bethune, ungraciously, when she came out to the door. "Who sent you with that message?"

"My mother sent me. I think John Bethune bade her," answered Tommy. "The doctor's there, because John Philip was holding his pony, and all the wives are out, so she must be very ill."

"Well a well, tell them I'll come when I'm ready," said Susan Bethune, with a peculiar compression of her lips. "Here's a piece of bread for you, and see you don't stone the ducks as you go by."

Tommy accepted the burnt piece of oatcake offered to him in rather a gingerly fashion, and directly he got past the house he laid it down on the garden dyke, and proceeded to look out for the ducks, which had never been in his thoughts till Miss Bethune herself mentioned them. In a few minutes there was an unusual splashing in the milldam, and the air filled with a chorus of quacking, while Tommy, having had his sport and fearing the consequences, ran off home as fast as his bare and nimble feet could carry him.

Susan Bethune, however, paid no attention to the noise proceeding from the mill pond, her mind being completely absorbed by the news the boy had brought. It had spoiled her tea, and after taking another mouthful she poured it out, and put the things back in the cupboard. Then she set the pot on the fire for the six o'clock porridge, and went out of doors in search of her father. They were all hoeing in the potato field, the old man holding his own with the others; but when he saw her at the gate waving her hand he put down his hoe, and went over to speak to her; and as he did so he wiped the sweat from his brow, and stretched himself with a sigh. He was very weary, for he was a bent old man, whose days of toil ought to have been past. But so long as Peter Bethune, who was now absolutely master in Auchtermairnie, had his way, there would not be much resting for any within its walls.

"That's a lad from Star, father," said Susan, directly he was within hearing. "John's wife is ill, and they are asking me to go to them at once."

Nothing could be more remarkable than her expression of face as she uttered these words; he would have been impossible to tell whether she was well or ill pleased at the summons.

"You'll go then, Susan!" said the old man, eagerly. "The poor lass has none of her own—you'll go to the Star directly now?"

"I don't know," said Susan, and there was evidently a hard struggle going on in her mind. "They must learn that everybody's not always at their beck and bow. John will find his error now, I'm thinking, in marrying a creature with no friends."

"Whose lad was it, and what did he say?"

"It was that little scamp Tommy Scott. It's perhaps all a lie, you know; but he said the doctor was there, and of course all the gossiping women are out."

"Then you should go away, now, Susan," said the old man, anxiously; "Peter'll let me loose, and I'll yoke Donald in the milk cart for ye."

"No, indeed; I'm not going riding through the Star for them or any other body. I'll go and make the porridge. It's near six anyway, and I'll have my gown and bonnet on when you come in," said Susan.

So saying, Susan Bethune nodded her head once or twice, and stalked back to the house.

"What was Susan seeking?" asked Peter, stepping from behind the workers to speak to his father.

"Katie's down, and they want her for her, but she'll no go till it pleases her," said the old man, and he looked across the flat fields to the clustering red roofs of the little hamlet, where his favourite son had his home, and there was a wistfulness in his eye which told that all his sympathies were there.

"She's quite right. There's nothing like being independent with folk," said Peter, with a coarse laugh. "John should have behaved better to Susan when he had her. You can't blame her now."

"He never did anything wrong to her. It wasn't a deadly sin to take a wife," said the old man, mildly.

"Susan thought it was, though," laughed Peter again. "Come on, then; we can go up and down the field before six."

A rough, uncouth, ill-conditioned fellow was Peter Bethune, and his blustering, domineering disposition was quite in keeping with his outward appearance. He had a tall, stalk, ill-knit figure, and a big head adorned by a shock of tawny hair, already thickly mixed with grey. A heavy beard concealed the lower part of his face, but there was nothing attractive in what was visible. The eyes peering out from under the shaggy brows were of a steely blue colour, and his glance, though as keen as that of a fox, seemed restless and shifting, and was never a moment still. Susan Bethune was not greatly beloved, but everybody agreed that she was far preferable to her eldest brother. She had borne a bitter disappointment in her youth, which, coupled with her way of life, had somewhat soured her disposition, of which was naturally kind and even affectionate. She had been in a manner twice disappointed, for, when her lover had proved false, she had turned with all her affection to her brother John; and he also had failed her—at least, he had taken a wife, for which Susan had said she would never forgive him.

Old John Bethune had but two sons, and John was the younger. There was little between them in years, but the disparity in other respects was complete and striking. Peter had always been a lout, void of feeling, and inclined to bully anything weaker than himself. He was greedy as well as masterful, and as the brothers grew up together John found it impossible to support existence at Auchtermairnie, though there was work to keep both employed. He was by nature quiet, gentle, and reserved, fond of books and even of the refinements of life, for all of which Peter had the utmost contempt. "Work and money" was Peter's motto, and after a time things came to such a crisis that John left the farm and went to the Star to live. His father bought him a croft, and after a little time John quite fell in with the ways of the village, and got a loom fitted up in one of the rooms, for hand-loom weaving was at that time the staple industry of the place, and the industrious made it pay well. Susan went with John as his housekeeper, and never had man a more faithful, self-denying servant. Nothing in the shape of work came amiss to Susan Bethune. She could just as easily hoe potatoes or do any other field work as she could keep house, and fill the bobbins for her brother's loom. She was a capable, provident housekeeper indeed, but her effort ended there. No neighbour was ever allowed to cross the threshold of the cottage; work, work, work was Susan Bethune's creed, and if John ventured to stop into a neighbour's house for an hour's friendly chat, she had no peace to him for days. She was verily an Ishmaelite whose hand was against every man except her brother John, whom she strove to make as comfortable as she could.

In his leisure time John Bethune carefully and methodically perused the productions of the master minds among poets, theologians, and philosophers. Novels were at that day unknown in Star, and if one did happen to be handed from fireside to fireside, though it might be enjoyed in secret, it was outwardly condemned as a parcel of "unholy lies." Then, when busy with his loom in "the shop," as the room was always termed, he thought over his reading, carefully digesting and analysing it all, till his mind became a well-filled storehouse of knowledge such as money could neither buy nor take away. For ten years this monotonous, uneventful, but not unprofitable way of life went on for the brothers Bethune, until one summer-time a mighty and unlooked-for change took place. John Bethune was an elder in the parish kirk at Kennoway, and in his regular attendance at that place of worship he fell in occasionally by the way with a bright-eyed servant lass from Newtonhall, whose winning way and modest behaviour, as well as his intelligent and observing mind, interested him not a little. In outward appearance she was as unlike him as could well be imagined, and the disparity in years was not greater than the wide contrast between them. She was an orphan whom the ladies had procured from some institution, and of her antecedents or parentage nothing was known. That in itself was sufficient reason to Susan Bethune why she should not be named in the same breath with John, for if the Bethunes were poor they had always been respectable, and could count their ancestors back to Covenanting times, when a Bethune of Auchtermairnie had followed brave Hackstoun of Rathillet through every vicissitude of his stormy career. John Bethune's wooing was of a very matter-of-fact, sensible sort. After having well considered the thing in his own mind, he asked Katie Law a plain, straightforward question, and, having received an honest, maidenly answer, he quietly and without ado informed Susan that, as he was going to be married, it would be better for her to go home to Auchtermairnie, especially as their mother was failing, and would be the better of her help. The time had gone for Susan Bethune to storm or rave, though in youth her tongue had been the talk of the country-side. She made no remark, nor asked any questions, but went home there and then packed up her belongings, and went home to the farm. And for many a day she never suffered her eyes to light on her brother John and his bonnie young wife in Kennoway kirk, nor did she ever darken their door. On the solitary occasion when John, on his father's invitation, brought Katie into Auchtermairnie at tea-time on a Sunday afternoon, Susan retired out to the stackyard, and remained there till they went away. Her proceedings did not in the least trouble John, who had done his duty by her over and above, but it weighed on Katie's gentle heart, who, poor lass, was keenly sensitive to a fancied slight put upon her, or upon her husband for her sake. She was very happy with him, for she truly loved him, and for two bright years their cottage was the abode of love and peace; and those who were privileged to sit down by their ingle-nook went away saying it was good to be there. Of these sojourns Susan Bethune was thinking as she stalked on her upright fashion along the green highway to the Star. She was not a comely person to look at, although in youth she had been a handsome lass whom many admired. But now her face was thin and worn, as if a secret grief had eaten into her heart, her brow had many wrinkles on it, and her resolute mouth many a hard line and unpromising curve. Then her scanty hair was quite grey, and was dressed so plainly and severely that it did not in any way soften her rather prominent features. Her attire was a thrifty gingham of a very large pattern, an ample plaid, and a large, coarse, dark brown bonnet. It was just about half-past six when she passed by the smithy, and of course there had to be half a dozen ploughmen to gape at her, and run in to tell the smith that there was Susan Bethune actually on the way to her brother's. Looking neither to the right nor to the left, Susan Bethune walked through the village to her brother's door. There was a group of women still in Jenny Scott's garden, which considerably augmented as word was passed from door to door that Susan Bethune was in sight. She did not seem to